*Food Advisory Committee.*

131. *MR. P. S. MOHAMED: Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement regarding the working of the Food Advisory Committee showing:

(*a*) the date when the Food Advisory Committee was appointed;

(*b*) the number of meetings held;

(*c*) the date of the last meeting;

(*d*) whether any member requested the Director of Food Supplies for holding a meeting of the Advisory Committee since the holding of the last meeting;

(*e*) the purpose of the meeting he sought for;

(*f*) whether the Director convened the meeting as requested by the member; and

(*g*) what was the object with which the Advisory Committee was constituted?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: (*a*) The Food Advisory Committee was constituted on 7-6-1943.

(*b*) Six meetings have been held.

(*c*) 13-5-1946.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) Does not arise.

(*f*) Does not arise.

(*g*) To advise Government in the matter of production, procurement and distribution of food stuffs.

*Purchase of paddy from Ambalapuzha taluk.*

132. *MR. G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to state the quantity of paddy purchased in 1119, 1120 and 1121 respectively from Ambalapuzha taluk?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR:

| *Year* | *Quantity in Paras.* |
|---|---|
| 1119 | 12,35,139 |
| 1120 | 12,21,007 |
| 1121 | 5,74,716 |

*Irregularities in respect of ration distribution.*

133. *MR. CHAZHIKKATTU JOSEPH: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have issued a circular to the effect that such ration merchants as have been punished for irregularities in respect of ration distribution will not be given ration licences;

(*b*) whether they have subsequently altered that provision and issued another circular to the effect that some among them may be given licences; and

(*c*) the reason that induced them to alter the provision of the first circular?

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